

Please find below, Utah State Parks news for April 19:

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SOLDIER HOLLOW AND WASATCH MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSES OPEN FOR SEASON

Midway -- Soldier Hollow Silver and Wasatch Lake courses at Wasatch Mountain State Park are now open for play. Golfers who play prior to May 22, 2011 will receive a bounce back special rate of \$33 when they return to play through May 26, 2011.

Soldier Hollow Golf Course will host the 2011 Utah State Amateur Championship Tournament in July and the 2012 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in July 2012, the first USGA championship to be held in Utah.

For more information or for tee times, visit stateparkgolf.utah.gov or call Soldier Hollow Golf Course at 435-654-7442 or Wasatch Golf Course at 435-654-0532.

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NEW CABINS OPEN AT EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Morgan – Two log cabins are now available for overnight camping at East Canyon State Park. Each cabin sleeps up to six people and is furnished with two log-style bunk beds, a table and chairs, power, heat, air conditioner, microwave, and refrigerator.

Cabins have a shelter, picnic table, barbecue, fire pit, and shared water tap. Sites include reserved parking, ADA accessibility and close proximity to the restroom and concession service.

A two-night minimum stay is required from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. Fees are \$75 per night on weekends and holidays, and \$65 per night Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays.

For more information or to reserve a cabin, yurt or campsite at East Canyon State Park, please visit stateparks.utah.gov/reservations or call 801-322-3770.

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OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City - Utah State Park Rangers remind every off-highway vehicle (OHV) rider to always wear a helmet when riding trails in Utah. Utah law requires youth age 17 and under to wear a properly-fitted, fastened and a DOT-approved helmet.

Utah State Parks and Recreation administers the state OHV program providing safety information, education, accident investigation, enforcement and search and rescue.

For more information and safety tips, visit stateparks.utah.gov. Ride On!

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UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 6 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Scorpions: Have you ever wanted to see a scorpion up close? Join us to learn about these amazing creatures and search for resident scorpions at 8:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. 435-628-2255

May 7 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Four Corners Indian Art Festival: Experience one of the Four Corner's finest venues for purchasing handcrafted art directly from native artists, including jewelry, baskets, weavings, pottery, carvings, paintings and more. The festival features Hopi, Navajo, Ute and Puebloan artists from throughout the region. Entertainment includes demonstrations, dance, music, and traditional food. Event is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine and is free. 435-678-2238

May 7 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Starry Night: Join us for a program about the stars visible from Dead Horse Point State Park. Experience some of the darkest skies in North America and view stars through a telescope. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 9 p.m. for this program.

May 7 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

The Moon through Space: Earth's only satellite draws our imagination outward and upward. Meet in the campground at 8:30 p.m. to learn more about the moon and the wonders it holds. 435-654-1791

May 8 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Bird Walk: Join us at 6:30 a.m. at the visitor center amphitheater for a morning bird walk. Learn common desert birds, their calls and field markings. Bring sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen and plenty of water, 435-259-2614

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